

DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police arrest two Sussex County men for multiple deer poaching violations

DOVER – DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers arrested two Sussex County men in the Frankford area Nov. 16 as the result of an ongoing investigation into illegal nighttime deer poaching activities.

Sewall B. Hickman, 23, of Frankford, was charged with two counts each of possessing or transporting antlered deer that were unlawfully killed; hunting deer during closed season; hunting at nighttime; unlawfully loaded firearm; hunting from a motor vehicle; and conspiracy 3rd degree. Hickman was also charged with one count each of failure to attach deer tag to an antlered deer; failure to check antlered deer within 24 hours; antlered deer registration violation; method of take violation; killing an antlered deer without first purchasing a hunter's choice deer tag; and discharge of a firearm within 15 yards of public road or right-of-way. Hickman was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 3 in Georgetown, where he was released on \$1,800 unsecured bond pending a future court appearance.

Keith A. Hickman, 47, of Selbyville, was charged with two counts each of possessing or transporting antlered deer that were unlawfully killed; hunting deer during closed season; hunting at nighttime; unlawfully loaded firearm; hunting from a motor vehicle; and conspiracy 3rd degree. Hickman was also charged with one count each of failure to attach deer tag to an antlered deer; failure to check antlered deer within 24

hours; antlered deer registration violation; method of take violation; and discharge of a firearm within 15 yards of public road or right-of-way. Hickman was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 3 in Georgetown, where he was released on \$1,700 unsecured bond pending a future court appearance.

As a result of the arrests, DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources police seized a Chevrolet pickup truck, a GMC SUV, one rifle, two antlered deer heads, and numerous other hunting-related instruments.

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